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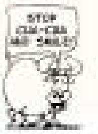
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Scientists confirm happiness is contagious



LONDON—SMILE, and the whole world may smile with you. Scientists reported Friday that happiness is contagious, and that you may have complete strangers to

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SC petitioned: End imports of used cars at Port Irene

By Norman Bordadora

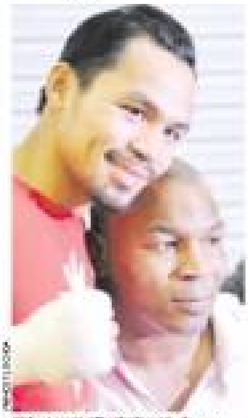
A FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS asked the Supreme Court to end the importation of second-hand vehicles through Port Irene in Cagayan, and to prevent any such vehicles from being used outside the port.

Such importations violate Executive Order No. 156 whose legality the high court has already upheld, lawyer Frank Chavez said in a petition.

Saying that Senate President Juan

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Tyson backs Pacquiao



'IRON MAN' WITH 'PACMAN' Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson drops by the gym in Las Vegas Thursday where Pacquiao is having his last training session and gives him tips on how to floor De La Hoya.

Philippine idol still underdog but betting odds closing

By Francis T.J. Ochoa
Assistant Sports Editor

LAS VEGAS—AS IF words were not enough to drive his point across, former undisputed heavyweight champion "Iron" Mike Tyson stepped back, bobbed, weaved and then ducked a phantom left hook.

This is how you do it against Oscar De La Hoya, Tyson told Manny Pacquiao's assistant trainer Buboy Fernandez.

With Pacquiao still the underdog in his "Dream Match" with Oscar De La Hoya, Tyson dropped by the Wild Card Gym here Thursday to catch the Filipino's last training session before the fight on Saturday (Sunday in Manila).

Although on the short end of betting with less than 48 hours left before the fight, the odds against the man whom De La Hoya alluded to as King Kong continued to slip with the influx of Filipino bettors who are wagering on Pacquiao.

The greatest plunge in the odds was on the probability of Pacquiao knocking out De La Hoya. That proposition opened at 13-2, before slipping to 9-2. In less than 24 hours, that moved to 3-2 as people started putting faith in the Pacman's punching power.

For most of his stay in the gym, Tyson, garbed in a pink shirt and dark gray slacks, kept to himself in one corner, standing up only when Pacquiao climbed the ring to begin his workout.

"He (Tyson) said Manny must keep moving the head," Fernandez said.

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DOUBLE EXPOSURE With a backdrop of her photo, President Arroyo inaugurates the Edsa-Quezon Avenue Provincial Loading/Unloading Station and lauds the MMDA for its construction in keeping with her directive to conceptualize a new traffic improvement scheme for Edsa. Ms Arroyo notes that the use of common bus stops for both provincial and city buses was contributing to the traffic gridlock.

Somali pirates played cards, swapped tales of home with Pinoy sailors

MOMBASA, KENYA—FOR MORE THAN two months, Somali pirates and their Filipino hostages aboard a Greek cargo ship played cards, caught fish under the blazing sun, and swapped tales of home. By the time all 23 hostages were released unharmed last week, the pirates even made one of the captives a startling offer: Would he like to join them?

"Of course I said no. I was praying every day to be free," said crewman Edmundo Capanas, 32, the day after the ship docked in the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

"But I learned a little Somali. I talked a little to some of them. One said his whole

SOMALI/A6

SPEAKERSHIP AT STAKE

Nograles backpedals on how to Cha-cha

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF BEING ousted less than 10 months in office, Speaker Prospero Nograles has backpedaled on contradicting the preferred mode of the Kilusan ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi) in amending the Charter.

A day after declaring support for a constitutional convention after the 2010 elections, (as proposed by Sen. Mar Roxas), Nograles issued a statement saying that a constituent assembly before 2010 (as proposed by Kampi, President Macapagal-Arroyo's party), remained his first option for constitutional reform.

But talk of a mutiny in the House persisted yesterday.

Sorsogon Rep. Jose Solis of Kampi even warned at a forum that Nograles would suffer the fate of Pangasinan Rep. Jose de Venecia, the man he replaced as Speaker, if he dropped the Con-ass in favor of a constitutional convention as means to achieve Charter change (Cha-cha).

Nograles said a constitutional con-

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Oil dips below $44/bbl; US cuts .5M jobs

Inflation slowed to 9.9%

By Michelle V. Remo

INFLATION, OR THE GENERAL increase in prices, slowed to 9.9 percent in November, reverting to single-digit levels after staying above 10 percent since May as falling fuel prices damped down the growth in the cost of commodities, utilities and services.

In the first 11 months of the year, the inflation rate averaged 9.4 percent, well within the central bank's projected 9 to 11 percent for the entire year.

The figure was better than expected, according to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. who had predicted the November inflation

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SINGAPORE/WASHINGTON—Oil prices were steady near four-year lows below $44 yesterday in Asia, as US employers slashed a shocking 533,000 jobs in November, the most in 34 years, dramatic proof the United States was careening deeper into recession.

The new job figures, released by the US Labor Department Friday, showed the crucial employment market deteriorating at an alarmingly rapid clip, and handed Americans some more grim news right before the holidays.

As companies throttled back hiring, the unemployment rate bolted from 6.5 percent in October to 6.7 percent last month, a 15-year high.

Job losses were widespread, hitting factories, construction companies, financial firms, retailers, leisure and hospitality, and others industries. The few

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Men to men: How can we end violence vs women?

By Nikko Dizon
in Manila
and Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
in Boracay

HOW CAN MEN END VIOLENCE against women, including prostitution, trafficking, discrimination, and sexual harassment in workplaces and schools?

This question was posed by men to other men at the first national congress of the trailblazing Men Opposed to Violence Against Women Everywhere (MOVE) Philippines Inc.), which was held yesterday simultaneously in Metro Manila, Lucena City (for Luzon), Boracay (for the Visayas) and Davao City (for Mindanao).

At the Visayas forum in Boracay, Ruben Jabian of MOVE-

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'THE CHURCH IS WITH YOU'

At the Ateneo University, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales meets with about 121 farmers who walked from Calatagan, Batangas, and Bonot, Camarines Sur, and expresses his support for their land struggle as long as it follows a peaceful and nonviolent path. The cardinal also wrote President Arroyo to intervene in the land dispute in Batangas. *(Story on Page A4.)*



Beauty hits the books at Read-Along

HOW DO YOU TEACH CHILDREN that violence is bad? By reading them a story.

Some 40 children were treated to a special Inquirer Read-Along session yesterday, featuring stories on children's rights and gender equality.

The session, held at the Inquirer building in Makati and in cooperation with Miriam College Women and Gender Institute (Wagi), had former Miss Universe Margie Moran-Floirendo

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SPECIAL GUEST AT SPECIAL READ-ALONG Former Miss Universe Margie Moran-Floirendo reads stories on gender equality and children's rights to 40 children from the partner communities of Miriam College.

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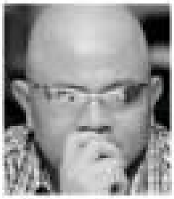
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FERTILIZER FUND SCAM

Witness names Bacolod solon

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—A KEY witness in the Senate investigation of alleged misuse of a government fertilizer fund has claimed that a legislator, an undersecretary and three barangay officials received commissions from fund allocations.



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'Liar'

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Bolante petitions SC to void Senate arrest

By Norman Bordadora

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But he's comfortable in detention quarters

By TJ Burgonio

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Pinoys held in Nigeria 'with caution'

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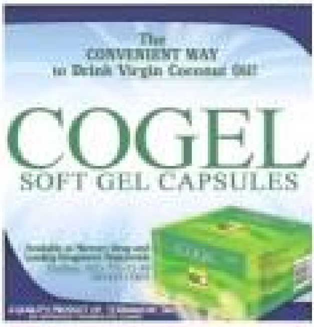
P138-M jackpot seen in Sunday's lotto draw

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Don't fret, Arroyo tells laid off OFWs



By TJ Burgonio

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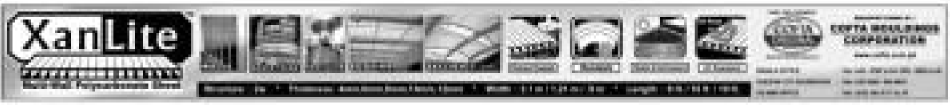
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Cardinal backs farmers' land bid

By Julie M. Aurelio and Tina G. Santos

The Daily Gospel



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Warships arrive

'We're going home'

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THE NUMBERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE The plenary session of the House of Representatives tackles the impeachment charges against President Arroyo at the Batasan.



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Sentence explains pro-choice position



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Bohol officials rescue caged tarsiers

By Ric Bagajo
Tagbilaran City

ASIDE FROM THE Chocolate Hills, Bohol has the endangered tarsiers as a popular attraction.

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Locked up for tourists

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FROM LEFT: Actors Angel Jacob, Christian and Peque Gallaga filmed the Nazaret's scenes at 21 Restaurant.

Indie film to help send 370 young Negrenses to school

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

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Across the NATION

Land scam derails Army housing plan

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—MOST OF THE PUBLIC lands in a 5,100-hectare area being contested by the Department of Defense and Department of Agrarian Reform inside Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija had been bought by the "rich and famous in Cabanatuan [City]" in cahoots with a syndicate at the DAR.



HARVEST

Flooded town's mayor appeals for seeds

CBCP head tells voters: Start discerning for 2010 polls now

'One year may not be too long to look for [honest leaders]…'

Suicide try seen in priest's fall, but case baffles cops



CAPTURED AUDIENCE Still looking like a beauty, Marquis captures the attention of children aged 9 to 12 from Libis, Escopa, Marytown, Balingin-1 and Park-7 all in Quezon City during the Read-Along session at the Inquirer.

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dy and Adjane's reader Dyali. Jun-to as guest readers.

The audience was composed of 9 to 12-year-old children from partner communities of Miriam College in Libis, Escopa, Marytown, Balingin-1 and Park-7, all in Quezon City.

Jessie read Adarna's "Ape-lation" by Alice Mallari, a story about a boy who was bullied in school.

Both Platonsko and Jesus read "Tahanang Payapa Para sa Iyo at Mga Bata," a story prepared by Marila (Platonick), a faculty member of Miriam College.

The story had a lot to say. Violence is illegal. It also teaches children what to do and where to go when they experience violence. And urges grownups to be an advocate of peace and to help those who are in need.

Violence is everywhere

This is the gist of Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, said Wagi executive director and former dean of Miriam College, Aurora Javate de Dios.

"Violence is everywhere. We want to make children aware of their rights and what they should do when their rights are violated," said Ana Peralo, faculty member of Wagi.

De Dios agreed, adding: "It is a very sensitive subject but it is important to educate children this early because they are at a critical stage. If they get used to being abused, they could grow up to be the abusers."

Beauty and the books

Platonsko, an alumna of Miriam College (formerly Maryknoll College), is an advocate of women's and children's rights.

"Not only was I able to teach children about their rights, I was also able to show them that reading is an important tool to learning," she said.

Platonsko, 1973 Miss Universe and an active member of Habitat for Humanity, Tahang Mindanao, Save Nena Girl Foundation and the Mindanao Commission on Women, is a book lover.

"Storytelling is an art. Reading is a way of life. I am currently reading a collection of stories by a Filipino author," she said.

Her children, Jessica and Gabbi, love to read as well. "I used to read to them when they were young. Now they are voracious readers," she added.

Kids' rights

For her part, Gladys Rosanna, coordinator from Esmalala community, said: "The Read-Along session was a good way of teaching kids about their rights. When they get home, they can tell their parents what they've learned."

Yesterday's session was part of the 18-day campaign against domestic violence by Miriam College and the United Nations Fund for Women, South East Asia program. The program started on Nov. 25 and ends on Dec. 12. (Related story on Page A1.)

Activities included a conference on violence at the Safe Hotel, a "train shop" for young women leaders on Dec. 11 and 12 at Miriam College.

Read-Along for street kids

Last Saturday, a special Read-Along session was held also at the Inquirer office in Makati, featuring the voice readers of Jose Miranda and Wally Bayola, actor and champion swimmer Enchong Dee, and child storyteller Abigail de Guzman. The session was part of the 7th Christmas celebration hosted by Hands-On Manila's Kindfest Club for street children.

Saturday's event, which was filled with games, dance and song numbers, served as an early Christmas party for more than 60 street kids from Guadalupe, Paradiso, Makati and Manila.

Manalo and Bayola did a tandem reading of Rene Villanueva's "Sinulid at si Nipaliham" while Dee read "Inaring Ang Bituing May Buntot," a story about the star that guided the three wise men to the Child Jesus in Bethlehem. The story is part of Villanueva's "12 Interesting Parables."

Pet a python

Ten-year-old De Guzman, on the other hand, read "Ang Bambining Bituin ni Lolo," also by Villanueva, which is about the resilience of Filipino women during crises. A fourth grader at Manggahan Elementary School in Pasig City, De Guzman recently placed third in a Metro Manila-wide storytelling competition.

As an added treat, Tinky Casanova of Zooper Town brought a 4-year-old albino python straight from Zoobic Safari in Subic for the children to see and touch.

Sponsors

Saturday's session was held in cooperation with Child Hope Asia Philippines, Kings Room and Ronald McDonald House Charities of McDonald's Philippines. Also among the sponsors were California Pizza Kitchen, Starbucks, Bon Lanpe, Daisan, Mang Inasal, Pan de Pedro, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf Co. and Cherry Tea of Melancio. Volunteers from the Inquirer and Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. were on hand to assist the street kids.

Schatzi Quodala, Lawrence de Guzman and Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

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Ponce Enrile had "arrogantly" contended that the court's ruling upholding EO 156 was wrong, Chavez asked the high tribunal if anyone could "brazenly" defy its ruling.

Only in Subic

EO 156 bans the importation of second-hand vehicles into the country "except insofar as it applies to the secured freeport in former Subic Naval Base area."

In a taxpayer's suit, Chavez asked the high court to issue a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining order against the importation of used vehicles into the port or any other port under the jurisdiction of the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (Ceza).

It also asked that such vehicles be prevented from being processed, released and registered outside Port Irene.

"There can be no doubt that the importation of second-hand vehicles into Port Irene is prohibited. Respondents cannot feign ignorance of the said provision," Chavez said.

"However, despite the said prohibition of second-hand vehicles, respondents knowingly allowed the importation of second-hand vehicles in Port Irene," he added.

The Inquirer tried to contact Enrile for comment but his staff said he was out of town and could not be reached. There was also no immediate official comment from Ceza on importation in Ceza.

Only exception

Named respondents in Chavez's suit were the Bureau of Customs, the Department of Finance, the Land Transportation Office, the Department of Transportation and Communications, Ceza, and the Automotive Rebuilding Industries of Cagayan.

Chavez said the high tribunal has already "categorically upheld the constitutionality of EO 156."

The only exception in the EO is Subic on condition that the vehicles are confined within the free port or reexported to other countries.

"Simply put, and rather colloquially, while Subic may be exempt from the importation ban imposed by EO 156, what comes into Subic 'stays in Subic,'" Chavez said.

Importations continue

"Heretofore, despite this Honorable Court's peremptory and categorical finding that the importation ban imposed by EO 156 is constitutional and, more important, this Honorable Court's enumeration of the specific items and law exempted from the ban ... motor vehicles are still, with blatancy and impunity, being imported into the country," he added.

Chavez did not name Enrile, but Ceza's defender in the Senate, as a respondent but the former solicitor general brought before the court Enrile's earlier remarks about the high tribunal being "wrong" in upholding the constitutionality of the executive order.

"Here, can any person claim to be, and consequently act, beyond a categorical—and indeed encompassing—adjudication by this Honorable Court?" Chavez said, referring to Enrile's reported public assertion that Ceza was not within the high court's jurisdiction.

"Second, and more important, can a judgment, decision, or other ruling of this Honorable Court be so brazenly defied on the ground that this Honorable Court, as arrogantly claimed by Senator Enrile, is 'wrong?'" he added.



ENRILE: High court is wrong.



CHAVEZ: Brazen defiance of the court

Vehicles 'remodeled'

Chavez said only the Supreme Court could declare itself to be in error "as it is) only this Honorable Court that has the ability and authority to correct any such error."

Chavez said 7,000 used motor vehicles were brought in through the Cagayan Economic Zone (CEZ) from June 2007 to May 2008.

"Almost 90 percent of these used vehicles were imported from Japan where vehicle owners are known to sell their motor vehicles after only a few years of use," Chavez said.

He added that these vehicles, in turn, were "remodeled" or modified to conform to local automotive regulation standards. Right-hand drive cars are also converted into left-hand drive vehicles.

Used-vehicle hub

"The clincher is that, because of relaxed tariff and customs rules within the CEZ, the vehicles, as modified, and even with a high mark-up placed by the local 'rebuilder,' are sold at greatly lower prices compared to used motor vehicles sold outside the CEZ," Chavez said.

"The result is that, precisely due to the consequent predatory pricing, the CEZ has become the hub of used-vehicle trading—to the detriment of the local motoring industry, particularly other rebuilders situated outside the CEZ." *With a report from TJ Burgonio*

Men to men . . .

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Southern Leyte said: "I am a husband and a father. We need to be the solution to the problem, in which we are the main suspects."

At the Metro Manila forum, engineer Roger Ento of the Provincial Population and Development Office said men could help end prostitution as well as the trafficking of women through self-examination and the "compassionate and fair" treatment of survivors.

Ento, a member of MOVE-Aklan, added: "We must refuse to condone or remain silent about the abuses committed by other men. We must never buy, or procure by any other means, the sexual services of prostituted women and children."

In memoriam

The national congress is part of the Philippines' participation in the worldwide 18-day campaign to end violence against women (VAW), which covers not only physical but also emotional, verbal, psychological, economic and sexual abuses.

The campaign began on Nov. 25, the International Day Against VAW, and will end on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day.

The International Day Against VAW was declared in memory of the Mirabal sisters of the Dominican Republic—Patria Mercedes, Maria Argentina Minerva and Antonia Maria Teresa—who were murdered on Nov. 25, 1960, by hitmen of the then dictator Rafael Trujillo.

Focus on offenders

MOVE Philippines was formed with the "offenders" as its focus, according to its president, Dennis Felma, 36.

"The group was formed for two reasons—first, statistics show that the majority of the perpetrators of VAW are men, and second, although there are (similar) movements or organizations, their advocacies are focused on women and not the offenders. That is where we come in," Felma, a lawyer at the Intelligence Bureau, told the Inquirer.

Formalized and incorporated only this year, MOVE Philippines was launched on Nov. 25, 2006, at the initiative of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW). It has since been supporting women's causes.

It has a core group of 50 members with chapters in the provinces of Aklan, Quezon, Nueva Ecija, Northern Samar and Southern Leyte, and in a number of government agencies.

Since its inception, MOVE has been conducting information and education campaigns in government agencies, nongovernment organizations, even labor unions, on the laws protecting women and children against violence.

The four VAW-responsive laws are Republic Acts 7877 (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995), 8353 (The Anti-Rape Law of 1997), 9208 (The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003), and 9262 (The Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004).

"All these four laws aim to empower and educate women, and more importantly, educate men on possible legal repercussions when they commit (commiting) VAW," Felma said.

Mixed responses

According to Felma, MOVE always receives mixed responses from its audience.

"There are men who are skeptical. There are men who show resentment because we are promoting women's causes and they feel that we are discriminating against men. There are those who are enthusiastic to join us," he said.

Felma conceded that the men who appeared averse to heed the group's advocacy were those "still in denial" about VAW.

"They say it's the women's fault, because the women are naggers, that the women ask for [abuse]," he said.

MOVE Philippines research shows that there are a variety of reasons why men resort to violence against women.

Said Felma: "Others say it might be inherent in men—the aggressiveness, domination and control. Others say it's our culture—that we are stuck in a patriarchal or macho society where men see themselves as superior to women. Others grew up in families where they've seen their mothers beaten up."

Battered men

While MOVE is basically focused on its information drive, it can refer offenders to such agencies as the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Philippine National Police, Felma said.

But the group has also been approached by men who were abused by women.

"There are battered men, but they usually don't talk about it out of embarrassment," Felma said.

These men are unfortunately not covered by the VAW laws, but they have the Revised Penal Code as a recourse, he said.

But only a few men have filed cases of abuse against women, mainly out of humiliation in this generally macho society, Felma said.

But at yesterday's forum in Metro Manila, where 99 percent of the attendees were men, there was no hint of embarrassment in talking about women's concerns.

The occasion served both as a reminder and an encouragement to the men present of the important role they play in the lives of women.

'Usual perpetrators'

Except for a few policewomen, it was a "for the boys" gathering at the Vinyan forum held at the Camp Crame Bonifacio Resort.

But the men, numbering around 300 and coming from various sectors including the government, business and the media, earnestly discussed the ways to fight VAW and how they could prevent other men from abusing women.

"Men are the usual perpetrators of VAW. We must, therefore, also be at the frontlines in fighting this violence," said MOVE-Aklan president Franklin Quirapo.

Quirapo said the organization had become more significant because of the rising incidence of abuses involving VAW.

"We must help in breaking the culture of machismo through education and networking with other men and women," he said.

During the forum, the participants signed a declaration and wore white pins pledging to fight and speak out against VAW.

Facts and figures

Citing statistics from the PNP Women and Children Protection Center, the NCRFW said the number of VAW cases had risen by 17 percent—from 4,881 in 2006 to 5,729 last year.

Sexual harassment was the highest reported case (2,387). This was followed by physical injuries and wife battering (1,892), and rape (893).

Physical injuries and wife battering were also the highest during the period 1996-2007, reaching more than half (55.2 percent) of the VAW cases nationwide.

The actual number is expected to be higher. Not all the cases were reported because of the social stigma involved.

This year, the Provincial Police Office in Aklan reported 408 crimes against women and children from January to December, or an average of 42 cases monthly.

The highest number of cases was reported in the capital town of Kalibo (100), followed by Boracay Island (50).



PARAÑAQUE SUBDIVISION MURDERS

Victims' kin, 2 others hired for house renovation held

THE CASE OF THE KILLING OF A MOTHER AND HER 8-year-old son in Parañaque City has been declared closed with the arrest of three construction workers believed to be behind the grisly murders, police said Friday.



30-minute fire hits UP Manila, damage slight

5 motorcycling tips from a motocross champ



1. Do be aware of your surroundings.

2. Do wear the right and complete gear when riding.

3. Do not drink and drive.

4. Do not overload your motorbike.



5. Remember that stunts belong on the racetrack and not on the road.

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200 cops to watch QC mall shoppers

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Gunmen used Indian agent to scout for Mumbai targets

A dozen gunmen may have survived attack, say US experts

King misses address amid Thai upheaval

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Zimbabwe declares emergency over cholera

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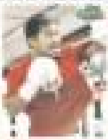
Governments dig in for a long crisis

NEW YORK/HONG KONG—Asia Pacific policy makers scrambled to prepare fresh measures to prevent further economic deterioration next year as investors awaited a report on Friday expected to show the sharpest US job losses in 26 years.



US job cuts sound alarm

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Aces take the fizz out of Coke



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Gain playoff for q'final slot

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Manny sees 'exciting' Hatton bout



Deal with De La Hoya first

Roach sees no weight problem

Points win stronger than a KO by Pacman

Pacquiao spends ₱35M for fight tickets



PSC orders NSAs: Account for ₱102M

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How to survive and win

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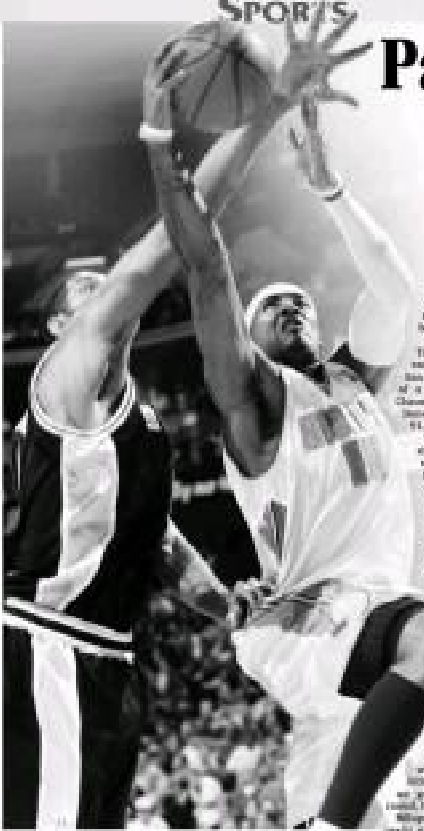
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Parker leads Spurs rout of Nuggets



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Carrera 3rd in final stage

Wie shoots 65, shares lead at LPGA Q event

Armstrong ready to let Contador lead

Dolphins, Patriots eye titular clash

PHINMA INT'L TENNIS

RP junior bets through



TCC opens up whopping 72-pt Fil-Am lead

SPORTS

Honda pulls out of F1, cites business woes

Homeless WC: RP booters whip Sweden, Rwanda



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Dumandan posts maiden pro win



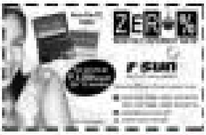
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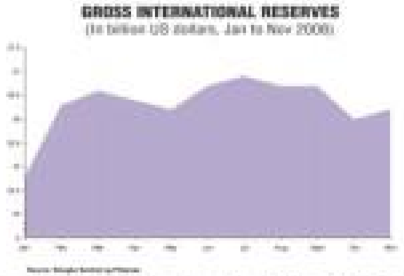


RP forex reserves rise to $36.2B

November level ends 3 months of decline

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES' FOREIGN exchange reserves inched up to $36.2 billion as of end-November, reversing the decline seen in the past three months that resulted from the US-centered global financial turbulence.







Stocks close lower

Transco franchise bill signed into law

By Abigail L. Ho

Bangko Sentral seen cutting interest rates



PCCI: ₱100-B infra package underway

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RICE PRICES ON THE WANE

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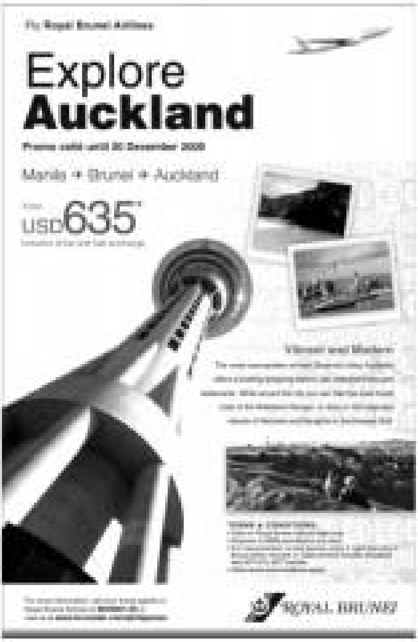
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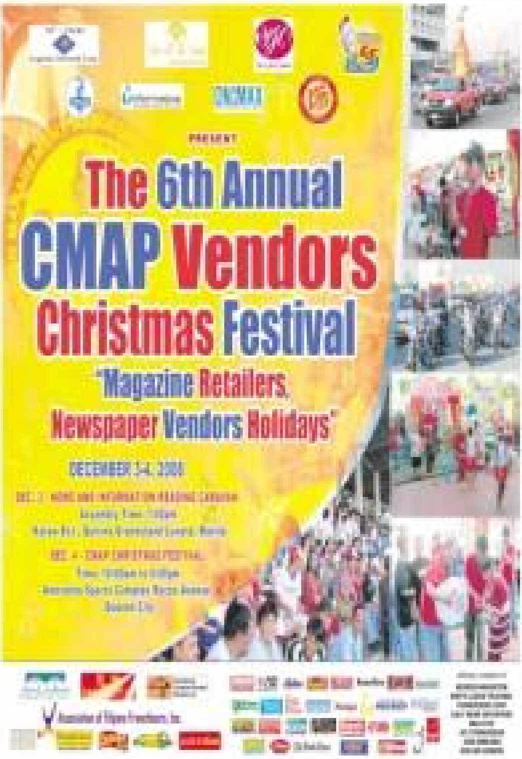
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Taiwanese lock maker expands RP operations

DOF backs tax breaks for special schools






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Companies and advertisers uncover
a new media opportunity.

PhilWeb to open new e-Games cafes, text game





SCIENCE/HEALTH

There's hope for those trapped in unreal world



STELLA, Dr. Benita Sta. Ana Ponio, Dr. Marcus (founder of Family Link Hong Kong) and Dr. Fareda Flores (who brought Family Link to the Philippines)

FOR SOMEONE in his or her right mind, ingesting such toxic solutions as fabric softeners and rubbing alcohol and cleaning concoctions would be unthinkable.



MADE BY BEAUTIFUL HANDS: Stella shows products made by patients at Metro Psych where Family Link Foundation is housed.

Strength

Scholarships

Bipolar disorder

Advice to families

The power in one

DISCOVER



Power can be doubled or tripled

Self-powering portable electronics

Dr. Renato Dantes: dying in line of duty



DANTES

MEDICAL FILES

A big loss

Key to prevention

PROPERTY

Demand for low- to mid-priced housing to go on



Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

THE NUMBER OF LOCATORS IN THE numerous industrial and special economic zones of Santa Rosa, Laguna seems to rival the list of low- to mid-priced housing developments that have risen in recent years.

And despite the looming financial crisis, the number of

DEMAND B2-2

The greening of town halls

GREEN ARCHITRENDS



Building types

Areas for improvement

What can be done?



THE CHICAGO City Hall, with its green roof, is an outstanding example of a green building in what is the greenest city in the United States.

Demand for low- to mid-priced housing to go on

14 years





Going steady





The Oriental Place marks a milestone

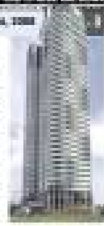
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Grand holiday home deal at The Exchange Regency

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Good treat

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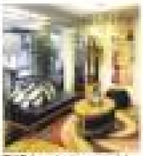
Expo shows industry's robust growth

Coming home to Crown Asia



EVERYDAY'S an Italian holiday at Crown Asia's Italian-inspired communities.

Be mobile at Little Baguio Terraces



THIS three-bedroom model unit is now ready for viewing at the Little Baguio Terraces site.

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Play the game of life at Manhattan Garden City







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ROCK ED'S 'ROCK THE RILES' 2008

Rock and roll for human rights

Eight train stops, countless bands and musicians. Where will you be this Sunday?

By Pam Pastor

"ON SUNDAY, TAKE THE TRAIN. CHOOSE a station. Watch a gig. Take a stand. Rock and roll." This is Rock Ed Philippines' message for everyone and this is what we will be doing tomorrow.

Since 2005, Rock Ed Philippines has been holding a yearly celebration of human rights—and it's a big one. Eight simultaneous events at eight different train stations of the MRT Line. Held every Sunday closest to International Human Rights Day (Dec. 10), 'Rock the Riles' brings together some of the country's best musicians in an effort to promote awareness about the rights that so many of us take for granted.

"There is no ground or platform more neutral than art and music. I think there are no judgments there. Being in separate train stations but on the same MRT line is symbolic of how we should preserve our diversity and yet build our peace. 'Riles' is a movement metaphor for unity in diversity," said Gang Badoy, head of Rock Ed Philippines.

It is hard work but it's hard work Rock Ed is willing to do. "Despite having no commercial

MORE F2



REWIND: Scenes from the previous 'Rock the Riles' event.



ROCK ED'S 'ROCK THE RILES' 2008

Rock and roll for human rights

From page [illegible]

[illegible] this year, we all decided to push through with it anyway. Everyone involved in Rock the Riles 2008 pitched in to make it possible, [illegible] our craft, lent us equipment, [illegible] talent and time. This is funded by the generosity of many many people," Greg said.

Musicians that will play in this year's event include Radioactive Sago Project, Sugarfree, Up Dharma Down, [illegible] Pedicab, [illegible] Children, Chicosci, The Dawn and more. Greg has a lot of good things to say about these artists. "For a nation that's supposedly looking for heroes, people to be proud of, we search in the wrong places. The generosity and talent of the musicians are what I look to for hope and pride. If the government constantly [illegible], I'll stay hopeful because these musicians constantly make me proud."

Rock Ed's Rock the Riles will be held at the following MRT stations this Sunday Dec. 7, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Taft, Ayala, Buendia, Boni, Shaw, Cubao, Quezon Ave. and North Avenue.

Super arms you with a map that you can clip and keep to guide your way this Sunday. We will see you there.

North EDSA — Quezon Ave. — Cubao — Shaw — Boni — Buendia — Ayala — Taft



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New must-go-to bar in Ortigas

Bargos is cozily designed, its drinks and chow are budget-friendly



Text and Photos by [illegible]

I WAS A BIT NERVOUS GOING up the stairs to this new Ortigas hangout. Karen, my perpetual drinking partner, told me the place looked great. The bar did look very nice, but what got me sweating was that it looked pricey-nice and I only had about 600 bucks with me.

Located along Julio Vargas Street (beside the row of establishments lining the Ortigas Home Depot area), Bargos, though barely three weeks old, is quietly creating a strong following.

Though half-empty when we arrived at 9:30 p.m., the place was packed from 11 up to the time we left, which was about two in the morning. Among the bars in the area, Bargos stands out because it looks upscale. Designed by [illegible], the place has two floors: the ground level, which reminds me of a friend's loud (albeit decked in blue neon lights), and the second level, which is a study in black and white simplicity.

The food choices are your basic bar fare and after checking out the menu, I heaved a huge sigh of relief. Despite the high-end interiors, the prices are actually very friendly. We tried the Calamares (battered and cooked just right), the Mushrooms à la Jillo (a bit salty), Crispy Fries (ok), and Sisig Bar-go (supposedly their grilled version with egg—pass the rice, please). We also had the Beer Tower, which is a curious beverage-pouring contraption that can effectively yield the equivalent of five to six beers.

After about five hours and four Beer Towers, we decided to call it a night. Among the six of us, we barely spent 2,000 bucks for all the drinks and food. I went home happy with some cash left in my pocket.



Super LIFESTYLE

I have a new headshot—as HIV-positive

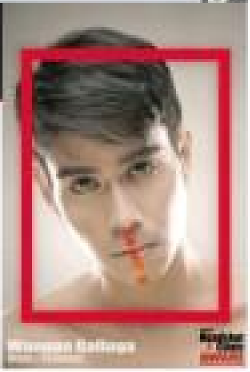
By Wanggo Gallaga

Art exhibit signals the start of an advocacy that, it is hoped, will help so many others

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State of emergency

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THUNDER ROAD



Music under the radar and blasting from our laptops. Search for them online, listen up, and nod with us



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FOALS

'I walked the carpet!'

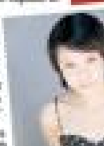
How this 20-year-old Filipino-Chinese is making it in Hollywood

By Pam Pastor

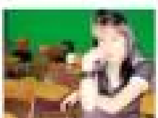
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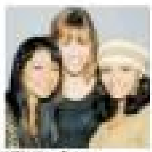
ON THE RED carpet



Big break



AS SANDY in "Freedom Writers"



WITH Hilary Swank











I have a new headshot—as HIV-positive



Now I know someone who has HIV. I look at his face in the mirror every day

Stay negative, be positive









From angelic to rockin' hot

Forget heavenly at Heaven N' Eggs.

The resto's Glorietta 4 branch now pulses with rock-star vibe

Text by Joel G. Segovia
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

FANS, FAME, BRAGGING RIGHTS AND the clothes are of self-importance ...all are part of the allure of a rock star's life. It's the epitome of sex in your face, an inside-burned lifestyle. Not what you want, whenever you want.

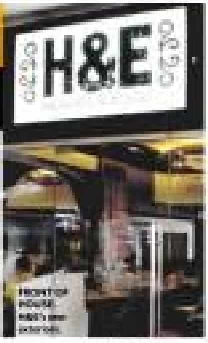
That's the idea behind the bold new rock star look of Heaven N' Eggs (now shortened to H&E) in Glorietta 4. Partners Owen Gan and Paul Hernandez admit it was a pretty makeover, but one designed to give diners a new kind of Heaven N' Eggs experience.

"It was time for an upgrade," says Paul of the three-year old branch. "Originally we wanted a hotel lounge upgrade. Then we realized that that could be intimidating, so we made it more accessible with the rock-star look, because everybody wants to be a rock star!"

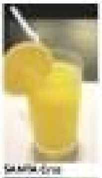
Owen flips open his laptop and proves the point, playing the video of Nickelback's song "Rockstar" that shows a sequence of ordinary people singing the song. The video and song's message of people wanting to live big informed the radical look. H&E wants its customers to feel like rock stars.



ROCK ON: H&E's walls salute the rock life.



FRONT OF HOUSE: H&E's new exterior.



SANTA CRUZ



TRIPLE LAYER Cheesecake

Decadent

If they were going for the look of an aspiring rock star, they sure nailed it. There's a wall emblazoned with splatters, stars and a screeching guitarist wildly raising his arm. Where there were flowers, clouds and swings, there are now dead-tree doodles, curtains and lyrics bent into the V-shaped rock salute.

The look is also reflected in H&E's employees. The former angels are now on black vests and black Chucks wearing "rock bars." It's as if the baby that was once H&E has grown up into a hard-rocking teenager ready to break out and show the world he's meant for louder, grander things.

But as with every phase in the aspiring rock star's life, some people may not be entirely welcoming of it.

Paul chuckles, with a slight sigh, "Some thought the change was drastic, that it was a shock. Someone even asked when they saw the changes, 'Where's the Heaven?'"



VAN HALEN'S French Toast and Foie Gras



"I'M COMING Home" Special

Breakfast with attitude

"We want to be a place for breakfast with attitude," adds Paul. And H&E's new menu projects a lot of attitude.

Items are now categorized under labels like "Sipo Smith" (Filipino classics), "Eggs Explode" (egg dishes) and "VIP" ("Very Interesting Breakfast and All-Day Permutations").

This menu doesn't set the upward with these new cocktails—Southern Bay Breeze, Ginger Santa Cruz, bubbly Sunrise Fizz and silky Vanilla Green Dream.

The main act consisted of the "I'm Coming Home" Special (Angus tapa with fried rice and scrambled eggs), Van Halen's French Toast and Foie Gras Breakfast (beef medallions, French toast with foie gras and sautéed mushrooms), "Rock You Like a Hurricane" Danes wrapped beef tenderloin with potato wedges and eggs) and "The Morning After" (a "deconstructed salad" made of mixed greens, walnuts and bagel chips).

The closing act consisted of "All Day and All Night" (waffles topped with Nutella whipped cream), Raspberry and Oreo Pancakes and Triple Layered Cheesecake.

Each dish is a generous serving, good for two. Bring the band to H&E and they sure won't go home hungry.

Flagship

The rock star vibe will be implemented only in the flagship Glorietta 4 branch for now, so those looking for H&E's classic country-style look can still go to their other branches.

H&E fans, old and new, will walk in feeling the rock star vibe, from the music, upholstery and design, all the way to the food. It's loud, jarring, arresting, but it comes with great ambience and great food—the way a rock star's life should be.



RASPBERRY and Oreo Pancakes

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An idiot's guide to the UP Oblation Run

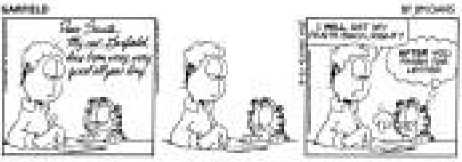
How to seize–and see–the moment



NAKED MEN IN MASKS! Angry protesters waving banners! Bunches of blood-red roses! Throngs of screeching women! What more can you ask for?

Grab the perfect spot

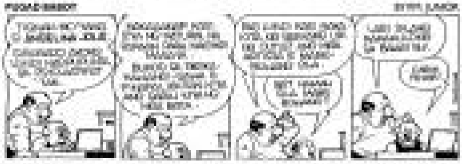
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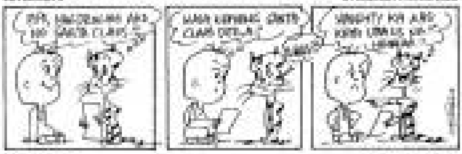
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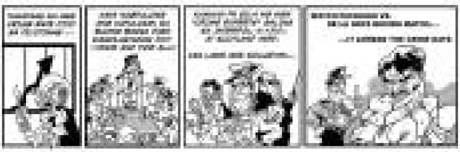
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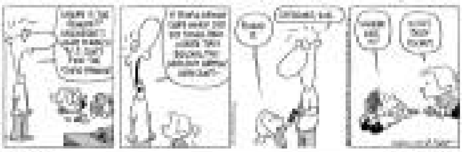
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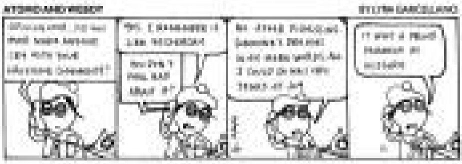


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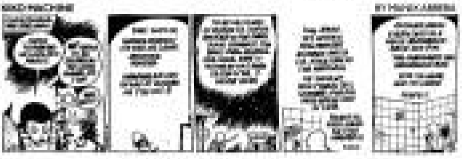
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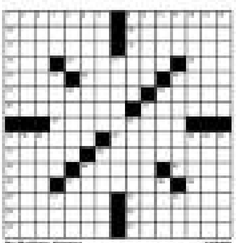
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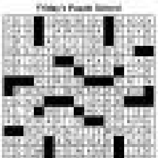






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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

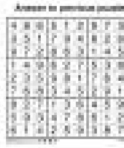
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle





An idiot's guide ...

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What to do when you're late

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Bluff your way to the front

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Get yourself on TV

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How to embarrass the runners

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How to get roses from runners

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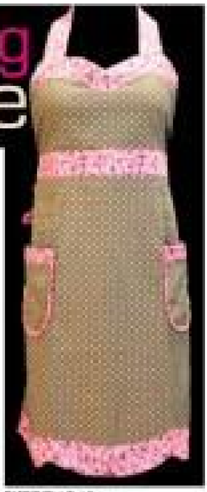
How to deal with insecure boyfriends

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The details in Kitchen Couture's aprons—from pockets and towel loops to ruffles and pleats-merge both function and flair



Cooking in Style



CARRIE (Pink Swirl)

By Cheryl Tiu



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The girl who has infinite karma

How did Hazel earn it on Plurk?

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

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A hotel fit for travelers



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Michelin star dining at Prince Albert Rotisserie

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Share the X'mas spirit with Best Western

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Acoustic stars on YouTube

From a sexy gay who sings with his shirt off to a Filipina with a big fan base

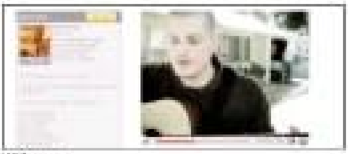
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Tours, Leisure & Chow

Malayan Plaza Hotel's weekend holiday getaway



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ONE TAGAYTAY PLACE SUPPORTS A CLEAN AND GREEN ENVIRONMENT



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Purpose-driven leadership



Volvo launches Voice of Leadership program for the young, and finds a unique voice in Chris Tiu

Powerful voices

Acoustic stars . . .



IN THIS ISSUE

Editor Nestor U. Torre • Assistant Editor Rina P. Aiello

SATURDAY *Special*



Three indie features on view



By Nestor U. Torre

LOCAL FILM LOVERS COMPLAIN THAT indie productions are hard to track down, even for people who want to support the country's digital film movement. Well, they have no excuse for missing some of them this week, because three indie features are currently playing in selected mainstream theaters.

Do go out of your way to see Chris Martinez's "100." The film is about a young woman (Mylene Dizon) who's desperately ill and sets about realizing her wish list of activities before she "kicks the bucket."

Yes, the US film, "The Bucket List," touched on that theme earlier, but no way can this Filipino feature be dismissed as a copycat production, since it has its own vibrant and vivid take on the subject of living one's life fully before it's terminated.

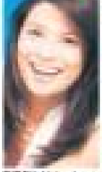
Pertinent

In fact, we like "100" better—perhaps because it's so pertinent to our time and place. Writer-director Martinez is able to tell his "sad" story with more than tears and emotional blackmail going for him.

In fact, a number of scenes in "100" are quite funny. It's no mean feat to combine both laughter and tears in one movie, so kudos to Martinez and his crew.

Lead actress Mylene Dizon also

Turn to G2



DIZON. Makes her difficult role in "100" look surprisingly easy.





NOW SHOWING

Yuletide mirth, domestic mayhem



VAUGHN AND WITHERSPOON. Contrasting comedic styles.

Long holiday break

Promising premise

Loose ends

Ray Olaguer establishes his legal and musical 'Perspectives'



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Soprano

Achievements



Three indie features . . .

Different worlds

Concept

From conference room to classroom

STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero

Expenses



MUNOZ. Progressive and holistic approach.

10 commandments of Christmas

HERE ARE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF Christmas.

1. Thou shalt not think of thyself. Thou shalt think of Jesus and His Father—and how to please Them.

2. Thou shalt not dwell on material things and make money out of Jesus' birthday. Dwell on spiritual thoughts and make Jesus happy.

Special acts

3. Honor His birthday Celebrant with special acts to glorify Him. Don't honor people who use His name and birthday for their own benefit. Don't honor false gods like Santa Claus.

4. Thou shalt not engage in gluttony. Don't let thy tongue be thy master.

5. Thou shalt not encourage intoxication.

6. Thou shalt not increase pollution with excessive garbage and the use of fireworks.

7. Thou shalt not enjoy fault-finding, gossip and pollution of the mind.

8. Thou shalt not kill animals.

9. Thou shalt not gamble.

10. Thou shalt love Jesus and His Father. They love you dearly and unconditionally.

Lotus Pond

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

Three indie . . .

From page H1

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SATURDAY Special

How stars celebrated Christmas as kids



Salida festival focuses on films that promote values and transformation



"ENDO." One of Cinemalaya's standout movies that reflect Philippine realities.

Nescafé Iced Coffee crowns 'Palistuhan' winner

Jennifer Paz: From Kim to Belle

How stars celebrated Christmas ...

Jennifer Paz: From Kim to Belle



THE FIL-AM actress plays Belle opposite Eric Potter (?) Jensen as the Beast.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales



LOS ANGELES—ALMOST 20 years after Lea Salonga debuted as Kim on the West End, "Miss Saigon" continues to be a "votage industry" for Filipino performers all over the world. To this day, there are "Miss Saigon" productions featuring Pinoy talents in key roles around the globe.

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PAZ: Recently won the Ovation Award for her performance as Kim in "Miss Saigon," which was staged this year in LA.

Ballads

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Role

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Coincidence

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Nescafé Iced Coffee ...

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New Karate Kid branch

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Sitti's Christmas show

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Piano concert

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At the Cinemas

Cinema							
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Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Nescafé Iced Coffee crowns 'Palistuhan' winner





Montage

Movies on TV

'Ogie Sings with the Idols'

New Keanu Reeves starrer



MBC gains

Pupil's second album



SATURDAY *Special*



Nievera, Misalucha convey hope, renewal in holiday albums

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND the corner, and what better way to spread the cool season's message of hope and renewal than through the Yuletide carols and hymns that fill the air wherever we go? This year, add Martin Nievera's "My Christmas List" and Lani Misalucha's "The Gift of Christmas" to

Sunflower Gains Greater Acceptance Abroad

Sunflower export gained even more favorable reception after it has been tested and cleared safe by the food authorities of foreign countries, this was announced recently by company officials. Patronized by overseas Filipinos that now count close to ten million, Sunflower is currently sold in Asia, Europe, North America and Middle East. Aside from migrant Filipinos, it has gained widespread acceptance especially after it has been certified safe based on tests conducted in these various countries.

Coming at a time when there is a need to earn foreign exchange for the country, the company is optimistic that there will be more markets abroad that will open up. This will result also in assuring stable and gainful employment for hundreds of employees.

With distribution in major supermarket chains locally and the coming Christmas season, Sunflower now becomes the ideal gift and part of the holiday fare, attributable to its being certified safe by BFAD. Sunflower has close to 20 variants that are sold here and abroad in the past three decades.

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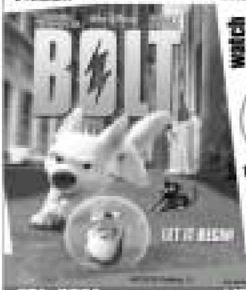
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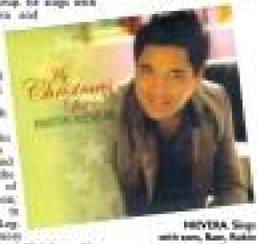
Nievera, Misalucha convey hope, renewal in holiday albums

your holiday CD collection.

You can always rely on Martin and Lani to deliver polished covers, but their distinctive voices are best showcased in ballads and tunes that require power singing. Their albums feature outstanding versions of "Grown-Up Christmas List," "White Christmas" and "It's Just Another New Year's Eve," but Martin's lineup has more variety and novelty.

Youngest son

Nievera's "My Christmas List" has 18 songs in its well-chosen lineup. He sings with sons, Robin and Ram, in the alternative pop tune, "Basta't Ikaw," collaborates with Alex Gonzaga in "Christmas Love," and features the voice of youngest son, Santino, in Kenny Loggins' bluesy country tune, "Celebrate Me Home."



NIEVERA: Sings with sons, Ram, Robin and Santino.

The repertoire includes self-evident songs and well-produced covers of "Give Love On Christmas Day," "My Heart's Song," "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Blue Christmas," "What Child Is This?" and his own Yuletide hits, "Can't Stop Christmas" and "All I Want (This Christmas)." (We note, though, that Martin has a tendency to use too much echo in his recordings, which occasionally distracts from his earnest performances.)

Interestingly, Tagalog songs bring out the best in Martin's voice. The collection contains three Tagalog tracks, including his version of Gary Valenciano's "Pasko Na, Sinta Ko," "Maligaya Sana Ang Pasko" and Tats Faustino's bittersweet "Nakaraang Pasko." (Even more interesting are Martin's revealing stories about the songs in the liner notes.)

Misalucha's "The Gift of Christmas" contains only 12 cuts, but her collection has a more cohesive feel.

In fact, this album is more polished than her recent cover CD, "Reminisce." She reaches some very high notes without shouting, and there's no trace of vocal stress anywhere.

Moreover, she beautifully weaves the tunes' familiar tunes together—sometimes, you want to remove the accompaniment and just listen to her exquisite vocal rendering.

In Lani's masterful interpretations, there's hardly any throwaway track (though we're a little disappointed with the showy "What A Child is Born").

You may have heard "White Christmas" a million times already, but her version strikes a more upbeat arrangement and an unusually optimistic sensibility. She showcases her unique vocal improvisations in songs like "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," but she never goes over the top.

Intimate take

Must-hear cuts are her renditions of "Merry Christmas, Darling," "Little Christmas Tree," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," and her surprisingly intimate take on Martin Nievera's "Christmas Won't Be The Same Without You."

In their new Christmas collections, Martin and Lani don't merely display beautiful singing, they also convey optimism, hope and renewal, which is how the Christmas season should be observed.

Crude Oz's songs ring with sincerity

By [illegible]



CRUDE OZ. Their music is sometimes silly, often catchy, and always real.

LISTENING TO THE MUSIC BEing played on the radio these days can often be painful, mind-numbing—or both! Once in a while, however, you stumble across something that's fresh and original, that sounds like it was actually produced by thinking, breathing individuals, not some faceless corporate droids.

If you've been tuning in to NU107 in recent months, you've probably heard of Crude Oz, whose music is pop rock as it was meant to be—sometimes silly, often catchy and always real. Two of their songs, "Hussian Ba?" and "Invisible Chains," have both been named Track of the Week this year, and for good reason.

Crude Oz may be new to the scene, but they have a much better grasp of songwriting than many of today's more well-known bands. The songs they have released thus far have been catchy as all get-out, with well thought-out lyrics and melodies that stay in your head for days.

Venues

Formed last year, Crude Oz is Dee Cruz (guitar and vocals), Paolo Vivas (drums), Bjorn Mendez (guitar) and Louie Lara (bass). The band has slowly been making itself heard across the metro over the past year or so, playing gigs in venues like Purple Haze, 70 Bar, 5 Underground, Freedom Bar, Club Dredd, Bohol's and Saltz. They've recently finished recording their first album, "Straightjacket," which they plan to distribute for free.

"It's our answer to piracy," they explain. "You can't pirate something that's free!" Plus, they just want to be heard by as many people as possible. The group is passionate about their music in a way that only new bands can be, and this is something that comes through in their playing and in their songs.

"A lot of musicians try to be different," shares frontman Cruz, who's also the band's chief songwriter. "I'm not one of them. The music that I make is the result of emotions and experiences that I felt when I made the songs. Sometimes, it may sound original, sometimes it may sound like someone else—it doesn't matter to me."

Pop rock numbers

The foremost element that makes them stand out are the songs themselves. "Straightjacket" contains solid pop rock numbers that have been crafted with care. While the production may not be as smooth and glossy as those of other, more popular (and well-funded) groups, the hooks are more than plentiful, and each song rings with sincerity.

The boys are still rough around the edges, and they're still in the process of exploring their musical identity, but all this is nothing that time and practice can't remedy. They already have the raw talent that, with luck, will soon have people wanting to pay for their CDs.

"Straightjacket" is scheduled for launching early next year, but you can already listen to (and download) Crude Oz's music at www.crudeozmusic.multiply.com and www.myspace.com/crudeoz.

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Far from the conventional click and read web pages of yesteryear, the new JAG-JEANS.COM website thrusts you into an exciting world of Jag Black, where you get the once in a lifetime opportunity to be a photographer of one of the countries paramount beauties Marian and hot hunk Will. The unique feature of this website is putting you in the photographer's shoes and allows you to snap away as our celebrities model the New Jag Black collection.

Loyal fans, press and media people even from both major television networks invaded the mall to witness the grand launch. A series of activities were prepared to entertain all the guests with this open house set up to put the experiential website to life.

The event flow included perks, from web train for the "click and shoot" craze, where limited edition laptops were given away as prizes for shooting the best layout. Another was the live photo shoot, where despite the long queue, fans patiently waited to be styled by JAG stylists and posed with the models in a real outdoor studio set, captured in their glamorous poses by local fashion photographers, just like how their favorite celebrities were shot in Australia, by the renowned Paul Empson from New York (with covers on premium magazines such as Vogue and Elle to his name).

To complete the whole Jag Black experience, the endorsers Marian Rivera and Will Devaughn arrived, causing a major pandemonium in the whole northern area of the mall. The area was cordoned off for the anxious VIP's, press and fans that won exclusive passes to meet and greet the stars. Marian, however impressed a lot of spectators, as she still looked hot in crutches which was caused by a recent accident while shooting a film. A short press conference took place, hosted by DJ Rico Robles, as they talked about their whole experience doing the Jag Black Campaign in Sydney.

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